

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1994-718-C - ORDER NO. 2009-65

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

IN RE: Application of Qwest Communications Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Provider of Telecommunications Services in the State of South Carolina (f/k/a Southern Pacific Telecommunications Company))))))))	ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED REVIEW AND WAIVER OF PUBLICATION AND APPROVING COMPANY NAME CHANGE
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the application, filed January 13, 2009, of Qwest Communications Corporation ("QCC" or the "Company") for approval of a name change in Docket No. 1994-718-C on an expedited basis. QCC currently holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Docket No. 1994-718-C to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina pursuant to the authority granted by Commission Orders; Order No. 95-961, dated April 20, 1995, Order No. 95-1761, dated December 28, 1995, Order No. 98-816, dated October 26, 1998, and Order No. 2002-205, dated March 20, 2002. Also, QCC is currently certificated by this Commission in Docket No. 1999-468-C to provide local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina.

By informational filing received October 21, 2008, QCC advised the Commission that it was in the process of converting from a corporation to a limited liability company ("LLC"), whereby QCC would be named Qwest Communications Company, LLC

("Qwest LLC") and requested the Commission's approval of the company name change. The name change was approved by the Commission in Order No. 2008-823, issued December 18, 2008. However, QCC's informational filing and request for approval was submitted only in the Company's local exchange authority docket, Docket No. 1999-468-C; therefore, the Commission's approval of the name change in Order No. 2008-823 only pertained to QCC's local exchange authority in Docket No. 1999-468-C.

By letter filed January 13, 2009, QCC now seeks approval of the same name change in the Company's interexchange authority docket, Docket No. 1994-718-C. According to QCC the conversion from a corporation to a LLC was completed and effective on January 2, 2009. As indicated in Docket No. 1999-468-C, QCC there is no change to QCC's operations as a result of this transaction other than the conversion from a corporation to a limited liability company and a slight name change. Further, QCC reiterates there is no change to the management, corporate ownership, financial assets and liabilities, employees, property, plant, equipment and other contract rights and obligations of the company by the conversion of QCC to Qwest LLC. The corporate conversion will be seamless and transparent to QCC's customers, being that the company will provide the same telecommunications services at the same rates it is currently providing to its customers in South Carolina. Nevertheless, QCC advises that all customers of QCC were notified of the company's conversion to a limited liability company through market messages placed on the customers' bills.

QCC also requests that the Company not be required to publish notice in area newspapers in the interexchange docket and that the Commission rule on this matter on

an expedited basis. The Commission hereby grants expedited review and grants QCC a waiver of publication since the conditions of the corporate conversion are the same as in Docket No. 1999-468-C wherein the Commission granted QCC's waiver of publication request based on the fact that the rates, terms, and conditions of telecommunications services provided by QCC would not be affected by the name change of the Company. *See* Order No. 2008-769, dated November 13, 2008.

Since approval and completion of the corporate conversion transaction, Qwest LLC filed with the Commission in Docket No. 1999-468-C on January 5, 2009, copies of the Certificate of Conversion to Limited Liability Company, the Certificate of Formation of Limited Liability Company, the Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Delaware Secretary of State and the Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in the State of South Carolina from the South Carolina Secretary of State.

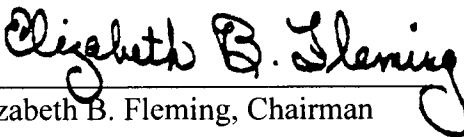
After review and consideration of QCC's request, the Commission concludes that the request for approval of a change in the Company's name in Docket No. 1994-718-C should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

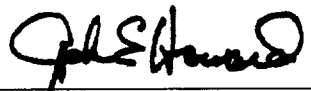
1. The application for approval of a change in the name of Qwest Communications Corporation in the Company's interexchange authority docket, Docket No. 1994-718-C, is approved, and accordingly, the Commission's records will hereby be amended to reflect the Company's new name of Qwest Communications Company, LLC.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)